

THE GLORIOUS STRAINS.

swell with the glorious strains of "America"

the memory of the gentle author will hover

like a sweet fragrance about us and mingle

WHILE AMERICA MEANS FREEDOM.

As long as America stands for freedom and

"My native country! Thee,

man who has given us our great National

We cannot afford to forget the singers of our

May the name of Samuel Francis Smith be-

Belle Smith, Winouski, Wis.

come as immortal as his verse! Pro Patria-

LOVED POET, LONG TO THEE.

Loved poet, long to thee

Simil cling our memory

For such a life as thine,

Ere called to go,

How oft and oft again,

Though silent be thy pen,

Through years to come,

Our listening ears to greet,

With trump and drum,

My Country, 'Tis of Thee.'

When 'mid vast crowds we meet,

Wall thrill "My Country" sweet,

Marietta Wyman Perry, Richardson, Ill.

EARLIEST EECOLLECTION.

May his soul rest in sweet peace forever.

My countryman, to thee,

And with my love endow,

Placing before thee now

Noble exemplar, thee,

Thy name we love;

We love thy long lays,

Lead us in nobler ways

Thy songs of sacred praise,

Let tongues celestial greet,

A ransomed soul;

Widle ages toil.

so familiar to us all.

so dear to every loyal American.

light to all nations.

safety, prosperity and glory of "My Country"

depends upon the efforts of each individual.

country may never grow less, but may be a

A MAN AMONG MEN.

Eight years ago my father introduced me to

Dr. S. F. Smith in the depot of the Boston &

Bangor Railroad, Boston. Though quite young

color and open, benign countenance of this

renowned man. Little did I realize the weight

came rushing back to me like the waters of a

pent-up sea-those eight years swiftly flying

past as if time had unloosed the spool of age

past I see a sentence four centuries old:

but in ourselves that we are underlings."

and let the string of years run out; and in the

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,

The advantages of wealth were not Dr.

the right time he ranked among the first men

Did I say among the first men of the Nation?

Among the first men of the world, I should

have said. Appreciating the blessings of lib-

erty, loving his Nation next to his God, his

Who has not sung that song? The chained,

marching slave of Madagascar, dreaming of lib-

erty, is singing of such a country-" My coun-

try, 'tis of thee." The dying Armenian, op-

pressed by Turkish despotism, is looking with

longing eyes across the ocean and sighing-

"My country, 'tis of thee," The Irish serv-

ant girl is paving the Atlantic with her hard-

carned dollars that her descendants may walk

Marc Authory said, "I come to bury Cesar,

not to praise him." Let me say, I come to

praise Dr. Smith, for is there any who can bury

him? No; he shall live immortal in the mem-

The glory of granite or brass need not be

LOYAL HOME WORKERS.

their enrollment is received within one week

from this date of publication, Dec. 26, 1895,

they will be enrolled in accordance with the

Emma C. Davis, 5 Beacon avenue, Providence,

AMCS L. SEAMAN, Secretary.

Dora Davis, Beaumont, Ga.

Respectfully submitted.

Sudic E. Maynard, La Harpe, Ill.

Ruth Maynard, La Harpe, Ill.

R. and R.

HEADQUARTERS LOYAL HOME WORKERS.

5161 MINERVA AVENUE, ST. LOUIS.

Frank M. Kemp, Hazleton, Pa.

Dec. 14, 1895.

to Dr. Smith's "Sweet land of liberty."

'Here lies a man his country loves,"

pure, grand soul burst out in one glad refrain :

" My country, 'tis of thee,

of years when he told me he was nearly 80.

Ella E. Calkins, Lacelle, Iowa.

A: d give thee welcome meet,

While freedom's voices blend

BEARD DE, SMITH RECITE,

Maggie L. Hover, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

E'er may thy songs ascend,

In songs that know no end,

Patriot, poet, three,

To Him above.

Sweet berd of liberty.

Humbly I bring

My offering.

SWEET BARD OF LIBERTY.

One leaf for thy crowned brow,

Belle C. Anderson, Guthrie, Okla,

o filled with deeds divine,

Had resched a hight sublime,

In gratitude;

Land of the noble free,

Thy name I love,"

the beroes of our battles,

Nina Ballon.

with the noble sentiments of the hymn.

we can sing,

Whenever our voices rise and our hearts

OBJECTS.

Progress-Pertaining to all that tends to develop American intelligence on topics of the day, and the adoption of ways and means to secure this

Patriotism-Historical study of our country, and discussion thereon, which keeps alive the spirit of American independence and levalty. Charity-Providing for the relief of the suffering and afflicted.

An organization for Reunion purposes and to more practically enforce the principles of the Laval Home Workers has been formed, of which Kate B. Sherwood is President, and to which all true and loyal members of the C. C. are eligible.

PLEDGE OF LOYAL HOME WORKERS. Pledge.-Believing that loyalty to the Union is fidelity to the cause of liberty, equality, and the elevation of mankind, I solemnly pledge myself to safely guard our free institutions, and, to the extent of my ability. I will endeavor to disseminate a knowledge of their great underlying principles in the community in which I live, and I will stand by our country and our flag in all times of peril. I further piedge myself to an unselfish interest and labor, in all lines of work of the Association for the promotion of Progress in all that elevates our American life. And I further piedge myself that I will, as I have ability and opportunity, ex-tend, in the spirit of charity, sympathy and aid to those in distress and need, especially to the membership of our Association

TAKE NOTICE.

The time approaches for renewal of your membership fee, which is so nominal that every old member whose dues expire Dec. 31, 1895, should renew at once, and send application along with their renewal. The Sceretary will inclose with each membership cardfa neat book-mark, which he has negotiated for. Members this year will also be supplied with interesting matter along the line of Progress and Patriotism, and in our readings will be supplied everything at a good discount.
Amos 1. Seaman, Secretary, 5161 Minerva avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

HOLIDAY SENTIMENTS. Peace and Good-Will at the Happy Christ-

mastide.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Those who will begin the new year, 1896, with the beautiful NATIONAL TEIBUNE CALtiments in keeping with the spirit of the season, are Lida M. Bonney, Nina Ballou, Belle C. Anderson, Ina Lord McDavitt, Cora James, E. W. Goodlin, M. Ettie Fuller, Mrs. Mary A. Weaver, Cora Davidson, and Edith M. Haines. To Lida M. Bonney, "War Songs" is awarded for a sentiment most in accord with the spirit of the season.

As Nina Ballou, Belle C. Anderson, M. Ettie Fuller, and Edith M. Haines are already calendar-winners, for Christmas work directions, some other souvenirs in their cases will be substituted.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. The spirit of Christmas is shown, not in the hanging-up of evergreens, or in the chime of silver bells sounding over fields of glistening white; for Christmastide means just as much to those within the tropics, where flowers bloom all the year and snow is never seen. It is shown | Park Normal College, Des Moines, I had the by thousands, in our celebration of the birth of him who brought light and love and life into a dark and | well-known hymn, "My Country, "Tis of death-stricken world; and the fittest observ- Thee.' sace of that day is in doing some good deed, or saying some glad word, to cheer the lonely and make hopeful the despairing.

Lida M. Bonney, Slate Lick, Pa. AT CHRISTMASTIDE. The merry chime of Caristmas bells The birth of our Redeemer teils A wave of love sweeps far and wide, And the world is fair

At Christmastide. May every heart with kinducss thrill For all mankind, with right good-will; The dove of peace go circling wide To consecrate Our Christmastide,

Nina Ballou, Durham, N. H.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS While deft fingers are busy preparing simple gifts, that will be all the more precious for the loving thoughts wrought in among the stitches, let our thoughts wander to the first Christmas in Bethlehem, when our Heavenly Father gave his unspeakable gift to the world, and the Star in the East arose and shone, to guide the wise men to the place where our Savior was found, that they might worship him. Let each one of us strive to help some lonely heart enjoy a happy holiday season this year. Belle C. Anderson, Guthrie, O. T.

CHRISIMAS MEMORIES. In all the year of joy and pain That fill a man's tife full, "Mong all the dear things of the past That at the heart -rings pull. There's nothing holds you quite so fast,

As removies of the holidays-A tremble on the lip.
When Christmas-gifts and New Year bells

Run riot in the brain, And drawn the soul in roftening thoughts Removed from loss or gain, There's not in all the buman heart Such love-awakening spell,

As in the "Merry Christmas" nook And "Happy New Year's" dwell, Cora James, Huron, S. D.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART. As Christmas comes but once a year, let us show our love for Christ, and that we have the at the time, I could not help marking the fine true concention of his love for us, by putting aside all hard feeling and enmity toward everyone, even though they have done us grievous wrong, and in our hearts forgiving them as we hope to be forgiven. If we do this we will enjoy true happiness, and can join with the bells on Christmas when they peal forth God's "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Edith M. Haines, East St. Louis, Mo.

The hells peal forth their authems Of peace and Christmas cheer; Cirist came not with the waking, But with the dying year, Ina Lord McDavitt, Vineland, N. J. CHESSIMAS HOURDAYS.

CHEIST IS COME,

Holiday, or holidays, is a term applied to a festival observed by the Christian Church in memory of the birth of Christ, The chief day of this season of holidays is set apart as a National holiday, which is Dec. 25, and is called Christmas (Christ's mass). Christians should be very careful in the observance of this day for the blessed memory it commemorates. C. W. Goodlin, Pravo, O.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES. Memories ever sweet are turning As the golden days go by, While as C. C. we are forming Frientiships that will never die. Mrs. Mary A. Weaver (aged 72), Alma, Mich. STRIVE TO BE LIKE HIM.

We should strive to be like Christ, whose birthday feast we celebrate at Christmas. He spent all lis life doing good, and died at last that we might live. He is the Prince of Peace, the King of

ory of his countrymen. Heaven and earth, but His only throne while on earth was the cruel cross on Calvary, and his only crown a crown of thorns. country that she had a Dr. Smith. Whosoever Cora Davidson, Ewing, Tenn. shall mark his grave let him write upon it,

RE-ECHO THE GLAD SONG. Christmas is maned after Christ, who came

that day as a surety of our peace, happiness, present consolation, and cierual life in the great hereafter. Every pift should be offered in grateful re

membrance of God's great and matchless gift to the world-a Savior. And may we all strive by our words and acts to cause every heart we can to re-echo the song the angels sung so long ago over the blue hills of Judea: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." M. Ettic Fuller, Spring Lake, N. Y.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

In Bemary of Rev. S. F. Smith, Author of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "Let music swell the breeze And aling from all the trees, Swe . Freedom's song."

SWEET WORDS OF SYMPATHY. Whereas the Death Angel has entered the home of our loyal sister, Maggie J. McCleiland, removing her dearly beloved mother and brother: There-

fore, be it

Resolved, That we tender our warmest sympathy to Sister Maggie in her bereavement, and, while we feel that our words may be slow in giving con:fort, yet we know there is one whose words will bring peace and whose arm will uphold her in her Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our sorrowing sister, and another copy be sent to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for publication. OLLA BELL HOTHAM.)

J. H. NEADERHAUSER, Committee, LENORE A. RIVERS, A FLAG CONTRAST.

I was much interested in Harrison Gordon's

letter. Truly he deserves a royal welcome from us for his work for the flag. Now, here is a contrast. In a certain little village, between 50 and 60 miles from Pittsburg, the Jr. O. U. A. M. presented a flag to the school. A few days ago a gentleman from that village was here, and I asked about the flag.

To my surprise he told me that the teacher had taken no care of it, but had allowed it to remain out in all kinds of weather, in rain and storm, and that which was a thing of beauty is now a torn and tattered flag. And this in the grand old Keystone State! Truly some of our teachers need an awakening,

and need a few lessons in patriotism. With best wishes for a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am, loyally yours- Olia Bell Hotham, Pittsburg, Pa.

THE SUNFLOWER CIRCLE. Our Sunflower Circle is growing, and we are looking forward with pleasure to the next Reunion to be held in Beloit, probably in February next, though an effort is being made to our hearts will swell with gratitude to the have the G.A.R. Encampment, at which time we meet, put off to April. We are out here with hard times staring us

in the face, doing all we can to encourage and | tyr. songs any more than we can afford to forget keep things moving ahead, and asking the THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST PROPHEsympathy and encouragement of all. One of our Kansas L.H.W., M. Alice Gale, was recently married to Robert Erskine, both of Carbondale, Kan., where they will be at Although Mr. Erskine is not a member of our | tender way. Order, he is one of the true, loyal boys, and we

are in hopes Sister Alice will bring him inside

the ring by getting him to join the L.H.W.

and Sunflower Circle. Congratulations are in

We notice some advocating the organization of States in Circles. Kansas thought this a good idea, and organized Kansas Sunflower Circle last February. Are we ahead? Another of our members has gone to join the ranks above. We have to chronicle the sad

news of our brother, Henri Lee C. Duncan, was died at Carbondale, Kan., Nov. 23, 1895, at the age of 24 years. One of my earliest recollections of school-life Henri was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. in a large city is the remembrance of singing William Duncan, He was a young man of each morning Dr. S. F. Smith's patriotic tong, sterling worth, honest, upright, and beloved by all of his acquaintances. While he had been sick for some time, none thought death so near. Owing to necrosis of the end of the elbow joint of his left arm it was found necessary

> is Heaven's gain. Estella N. Edgecombe, Phillipsburg, Kan. OUR FLAG-PART II.

tion. While we do not understand why the

By Lizzie B. Aldrich. Though Congress, June 14, 1777, resolved that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternately red and white, and that the Union be 13 not officially promulgated over the signatures of Congress until Sept. 3, 1777.

American flag by the patriotic ladies of Philadelphia; he was so delighted that he procured A few years ago, while a student at Highland pleasure of hearing Rev. S. F. Smith recite his

Jones command of the Ranger, but he did not | all time. sail to sea until Nov. 1, and after a voyage of After giving an account of how he came to | 30 days reached Nantes; from there he sailed write it, someone in the audience requested to Quiberon Bay, convoying some American that it be sung, and all joined with enthusiasm vessels to the care of Admiral La Motte Piquet. Dr. Green, Surgeon of the Ranger, mentions in swelling the music of this beautiful hymn the first flag salute in his diary. Date, Saturday, Feb. 14, 1778, he says:

"Very squally weather; came to sail at 4 o'clock p. m.; saluted the French Admiral; repaid the American flag.

saluted the French flag, which was returned." son of a priest. His mother, too, of Aaronic Let it daily ascend as incense from the altar of The first wilitary incident connected with origin. His name was given from heaven, your hearts. God hears prayer. V. 13. our flag occurred Aug. 2, 1777. Lieuts, Bird John. V. 13. When the parents came to give and Brant invested Fort Stanwix, then com- the son name, the father, Zacharias, recalled manded by Col. Peter Gansevoort. The garrison | this fact, and insisted his son should be named was without a flag, but their ingenuity soon | John. He is often called St. John Baptist to | supplied this, and in conformity to the pattern | point out a large part of his work, which was | and practiced. just adopted by Congress. Shirts were cut up to baptize. He passed his first years at Juttah to form the white stripes, bits of scarlet cloth | near Hebron. He probably studied much with joined together for the red stripes, the blue ground was composed of a cloth cloak belong. old he went out into the wilderness of Judea ing to Capt. Swartwout, of Duchess County, and began to stir up the people, declaring to of discretion. To love and obey God are proofs N. Y. Before sunset this crude but glorious | them the speedy coming of the Messiah-urg- | we fear God, and the fear of God is the beginstandard was floating proudly over one of the | ing them to suitable spiritual preparation- | ning of wisdom bastions. The siege was raised Aug. 22, but we are not told what became of the flag.

Beyond a doubt the 13 Stars and Stripes were unfurled at the battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, and again at Germantown, Oct. 4. They witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne at Sara-It was a rare treat to me to see this grand toga on Oct. 17.

old man and hear from his own lips the words The dear flag we love waved over and helped to cheer the gloomy Winter of 1777, '78, at Val-Shall we not seek to keep alive the spirit of ley Forge, and it floated triumphantly the patriotism evoked by his anthem? And as the next Winter and at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Oct. 19, 1781. On Jan. 25, 1778, the Stars and Stripes waved

may we do all within our power to prepare our- over a foreign fortress for the first time, that of selves in every way to be true, intelligent and | Fort Nassau, on the Island of New Providence, loyal citizens, that the glory and honor of our after a conquest of the British sloop Greyton. Red, white and blue, wave on,

Never may sire or son thy glory mar; Secure to Liberty, honored on land and sea, Unfurled forever be each stripe and star.

OUR ROLL-CALL.

The letters v.s. mean veteran's son, v.d. veteron's daughter and v.w. veteran's widow: m of associations will be marked S.V. and D.V. Fred Cherrington and Effie and Annie Cherrington, s. and d.v., Durgan, O.; Belle M. When I read of his death those eight years | pendence, Iowa. Total, 15,269.

PASSING IN REVIEW.

Mattie A. M. Grayum, Evergreen, O., in forwarding the Cherrington names, says Fred is a young lawyer, destined to make his mark in | that word. God would call them righteous. the world. All are children of John H. Cher- There are different standards of right. The rington, who served through the war, was taken standard of God is more delicate than that of prisoner, and had many thrilling experiences; man, and the human standard is not uniform. Smith's when he entered Harvard College; but and all are members of the M. E. Church and They were not righteous as God is righteous, by hard labor and by grasping opportunities at | Epworth League.

> soldiers. She says: "I would like to shake ! hands with Harrison Gordon. Success to him, The paths of their lives were along the avenues and let us all lend a hand." Cad M. Kepner sends the name of Sarah Neith for enrollment, and is sure she will prove are responsible creatures. God holds us to the association with Emma Martin in Iowa Hos- Law. But Zacharias and wife observed also

a lasting friendship. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE Calendars will be through Moses. mailed this week to the several winners. Anyone failing to receive one will please give notification promptly. The next feature of The Loyal Home Work-

Schools," papers furnished through M. Dell Adams, Chairman Committee on Progress. changed from Independence to 520 Columbus St., sure them. Then Zacharias and Elizabeth so Burlington, Iowa. If there are any C.C.'s near. or passing through the city, I shall be pleased to meet them if they will drop me a note, that | the judgments of associates. I may arrange for the time. May you all | raised; no tombstone is necessary to tell his have a merry Christmas and a happy and pros-

perous New Year," Ella E. Calkins, one of our tried and true extent this fact. members, is a daughter of a 42d Ill. veteran, now of Lacelle, Iowa. She is a brunet, with dark hair and eyes. She is a pen-artist, and the people prayed, the "without" of verse 10, engaged in pen work, by mail; an amateur | was the Court of the Women. The place where painter in oil, and was a school teacher before | the Angel met Zacharias was the Holy of Hotaking up pen art. She is a lover of good books; lies. Holland her favorite author, and Longfeilow and Bryant favorite poets; member of M. E. membership in the L.H.W. If no protest to League, and a teacher in the Sabbath-school.

Members of the Woman's Board of the Columbian Exposition visited Atlanta and were royally entertained by the Woman's Board of the Southern Fair.

Free to All Women. . I have learned of a very simple home treatment which will readily cureall female disorders, painful periods, lencorrhoea, displacements or irregularities, and will gladly was a free to any suffering woman. Add's Mabel E. Rush, Joiet, Ill tain ingredients upon the altar fire, caused a | 2076-M-eager.

SUNDAY MEDITATION.

A Study of the International Sunday-School Lesson Appointed for Jan. 5, 1896.

Subject: The Birth of St. John Baptist Foretold to Zacharias by an Angel. St. Luke,

[One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as

INTRODUCTORY.

Gospel according to St. Luke. It is plain he was a companion of St. Paul. See Col., 4: 14; Philemon, 24; 2 Tim., 4:11. It is thought he is referred to in 2 Cor., 8:18. He is called Lucas, which is a contraction of Lucanus. Philem., 24. It is thought from Col., 4:11, that he was not a Jew, from the fact he is not mentioned as one of the circumcised. He wrote the third Gospel, and it is named from him. He also wrote the book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is not thought he ever saw Christ. Tradition says he was a painter, and Christian art represents him symbolically by the figure of an ox. His Day in the Church Kalendar is Oct. 18. We are sure of very little of the personal characteristics of the Evangelist. We know he lived many years, was a diligent worker for the Church, suffered many hardships. Some traditions declare he died a mar-

We have the single account of St. Luke, home to all their C. C. and L.H.W. friends, 1:5-17. The story is told in a very simple,

> birth of St. John Baptist, 15 months before the advent of the Messiah Jesus. Our Bible margins say, "Before the common account called Anno Domini the sixth year "-B. C. 5 to 6about 1,900 years ago.

> > Place.

at Jerusalem in the Hely Place of the Temple on Mt. Moriah. The room was dark, lighted only by a candelabra. In it was the table, or altar, of incense and the sacred bread used in the religious services. When the people were priest, offered incense on the altar in the Holy Place. He was unattended. Alone in that | children for Church and state. sacred place, engaged in a holy rite, quite abto amputate his arm, and in his weak physi- sorbed in his religious feeling, he must have cal condition he could not survive the opera- been amazingly surprised when there appeared a form, most likely human in shape. Then | tiful instance of an exemplary marriage. It is young must be taken, God's ways are just, and when words were uttered in that Place, which evident, too, that such consistency—such desometime we will understand all these things | was not given to conversation, no wonder he that look so dark to us now. What is our loss | was so deeply impressed.

The Parents.

Elizabeth. They had been married many some, the question of cause comes up and wants years, but had no children. There was no expectation of parentage. The priest and his wife were advanced in years. So much more surprised was Zacharias when told by the public understand it imagines that marriage white stars upon a blue field, as printed in the | Angel that a son was soon to be born to him. Philadelphia papers in August, 1777, yet it was | There was great fitness in the fact parents of | the spirit of Christ. The demand of the couna son destined to such distinction as was the try to-day is for homes built on the principles forerunner of Christ, were so consistent in of God's Word. Marriage must be magnified Capt. Paul Jones was presented with the first | their lives. Both were righteous. The tidings | in its sacredness. Divorces should be rare and of parentage were welcomed by both. It was, always dreaded-never sought save as the last in fact, in accordance with an earnest prayer n small boat and sailed up and down the Dela- of their earlier married life. And the event ware River, where it was viewed and cheered | was the more gratefel since the son was to be so honored-to become so great a help to the the parents gives tone to the home. They who Congress on June 14, 1777, gave Capt. Paul Messiah-and to receive such renown during are parents should in special be devout, so that

The Son. who went in advance and prepared the people | bedient" in V. 17. to receive the royal person. The office-work He baptized Christ and introduced him to the "Sunday, Feb. 15, 1778, brig Independence | world. We see he was of the Levitical tribehis father. Sometime before he was 30 years his way. meeting great success. When Jesus came his forerunner's work was practically completed. He withdrew somewhat from the field. He Turn away from sin. decreased while Christ increased. He met great persecution at length and became a

martyr. His head was cut off by order of Herod Antipas. Explanations. 1. Herod. V.5. Herod the Great. He continued to rule till the Infant Jesus was, we may suppose, one year old. His sons succeeded him, dividing up the territory and adding to it. We remember the Jews were then a subjected people, under the rule of Governers appointed by the Roman authority. This was a great grief to the Jews, and the idea of salvation in their minds was rescue from such

heathen control. 2. Course of Abia (Abijah). The priests were divided up into 24 classes or courses, and rendered service successively for two weeks. Zach arias belonged to the course of Abia, which was officiating at the time the Angel appeared to him. The time was protably fitted to the place. Gabriel could have called Zacharias when the priest was in some humble spot at tions to Puzzle Editor, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, Mathews, Whitestown, Pa.; Sarah Neith, Inde- Juttah, but it was very fitting the communica- Washington, D. C.] tion, which was so important, impressive, significant for time and eternity, be made in the

Holy Place. 3. Righteous before God. 6. They were righteous in the sense in which God interprets but they were righteous according to their Belle M. Mathews writes there is nothing in knowledge of right and their ability to match beneat the old | by conduct their ideal of right.

4. Walking. V. 5. Living, in their conduct. of religious duties as prescribed by God. 5. Commandments and ordinances. V. 6. We

a worthy member. She has just had the pleas- Divine law. Special reference may be made ure of meeting Edna M. Poor, and is sure her | to the Ten Commandments, known as the Moral pital work, Independence, Iowa, will result in the ceremonial or Levitical laws. They kept sacredly all the rites which God prescribed 6. Blameless. V. 6. We cannot imagine the

parents of St. John were perfectly sinless. Had they been, they could have dispensed with the ceremonial law. They had, if absolutely holy, ers Department will be "The Flag in Our no need to offer sacrifices. When men and women do as well as they can consistently with the knowledge possible for them to gain as to Emma K. Martin writes: "My address is the right and wrong, even God does not cenlived in society that people did not hold them in contempt. They commended themselves to

7. Barren. V. 7. It is to be remembered the Jews have always favored progeny. The hope of parentage of the Messiah explains to a large 8. Temple. V. 9. The structure was very large, with many apartments. The place where

9. Lot. V. 9. The order of the courses had been settled by lot. After having been once The following persons make application for Church, First Vice-President of Epworth settled, they were continued in the same order. 10. Incense. V. 9-11. The composition of the incense was prescribed by God through Moses. Its use had a significance as connected with prayer. It meant prayer is acceptable to God as grateful odor is to us. As incense rises gently on high, so it is the hope of the devotee that his prayers reach the ear of God in the Heaven above. The hours of prayer at the Temple were 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and at those times, when the people were in prayer, the priest entered the Holy of Holies, and, casting cer-

richly perfumed incense to float away on the 2077-11. Angel. 11. Supposably the Angel Ga-

briel. Angels have much to do in our interest. They were greatly concerned about our salvation. The form was probably that of an apparently incarnated man. It is not likely Zacharias had ever before seen an Angel, and that he felt much fear is no wonder. Vs. 12,

12. Joy and gladness. 14. These words are not only slightly different in meaning, but their use is to make the fact of delight more emphatic-a sort of dwelling on a desirable thought.

13. Many. 14. Doubtless Zacharias and Elizabeth were greatly congratulated when their son was born. We can imagine neighbors and friends gathering at the priest's home and saying many happy words to the venerable father and mother. But more yet. Many still rejoice at the birth of St. John Baptist. We are happy our Savior had a forerunner so faith-We are now to study for some time the ful as Zacharias's son. We have a day in the Church Kalendar for keeping in memory his birth and mission. 14. Verse 15 shows St. John Baptist was a

Nazarine-one who took on himself very strict vows. Nu., 6: 2-21. 15. Filled. 15. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit. 16. Turn. 16. We read the life of St. John

Baptist, and find he led hosts of persons to recognize Christ as their Savior. 17. In the spirit and power of Elias (Elijah), V. 17. In a spirit and power like those exhibited by that great prophet; full of energy and very effective; not zeal without strength, nor power to do with no disposition to use it;

18. Before him. V. 17. Before him in time. St. John Baptist was born six months before Christ, and began his ministry six months before Jesus entered on his work or mission. "Before him" has also the sense of introducing

him to the world. 19. We see the work of St. John Baptist was twofold-domestic and civil, paternal and governmental. Families should become interested in each other. Society is concerned in having all the subjects obey the laws and maintain We date three-fourths of a year before the justice in community. It is sad when fathers are not concerned for their offspring. It is a Ford; 11-word pentagon and REX FORD square, serious state of things when the laws are disobeyed and injustice gains place.

times from secular concerns for religious thought or work. A part of the work of every | ceived during the short period of one month, The visit of the angel to Zacharias was made | clergyman is to instruct people in such lines as may best fit them for becoming followers of Christ. A preliminary training is necessary. The work, in large part, of the Sunday-school is to make ready a body of children prepared for the Lord-disciplined for religious duties, praying in the more exterior part of the practiced in obedience. So of the home; so of Temple, Zacharias, as the then officiating our schools for secular instruction. All training should look forward to the preparation of

1. We see in Zacharias and Elizabeth a beauvotion to each other-was due to the cultivation of piety. In domestic life pure religion is a guarantee of harmony. When so many homes are wrecked, when divorces are so The father and mother were Zacharias and | numerous, when family life is often quarrelanswer. While the Protestant branch of the Church does not regard marriage in the light of a sacrament, yet it does not care to have the should be entered into lightly or lived without reso t; never granted for minor reasons; never bought, never sold. The home of Zacharias and Elizabeth was a model. The character of letter. the first impressions of children may inspire

them to goodness. 2. We must learn to obey. 6. The power to By Oriental custom, when a great charac- do this is a first element of success. No one ter was to appear, he was heralded by criers, | can command unless he can obey. See "diso-

3. Cultivate righteousness. V. 6. Try to of St. John Baptist was to act as forerunner of | maintain a good status in society. Commend Jesus. Fitly he was born one-half year be- your conduct to your associates. If you cannot fore the Messiah; fitly he entered on his career escape human blame, try to gain divine apceived nine guns in return; first salute ever | six months before Jesus began His ministry. | proval. Persons may raise a wrong standard or misjudge, but God is aiways fair. 4. We learn that prayer is acceptable to God

> 5. Angels are our ministering spirits. V. 11 6. Seek the influence of the Holy spirit. V. 7. Temperance principles should be taught

8. Be forerunners of Christ. Get things ready for him. Remove obstacles. Prepare 9. Justice is wisdom. To be just is the part

10. Turn to the Lord. 16, 17. Head for the right. Walk in paths that lead to holiness.

Prayer.

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Thy Son our Savior, by preaching repentance; make us to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Every reader is invited to send solutions and original contributions, and to compete for prizes offered. Definitions followed by an asterisk (* are of obsolete words. Address all communica-

> HERE'S LOOKING FOR YOU: COMRADE.

I met a man whose very soul Seemed filled with deepest woe; Said I, "My friend, what means this grief? Why do these tear drops flow? Come, come! cheer up! do not give way! Brace up, and be a man!" "Ah, sir," he groaned; "you do not know My grief, nor never can. For life or death, or wealth, or fame, I do not care a fig. But, oh, I fear I can't attend

I stood aghast, then cried, alarmed: This is some fearful jest; Speak, man, the truth, and so allay The auguish in my breast; You really can't mean what you say-There's surely some mistake: Quit joking, now, and serious be-You must, for goodness' sake," But still the teardrops in his eyes Weiled over round and big; He shook his head; "I can't attend

The Eastern Puzzlers' League.'

He gave his eyes a dig,

"I wish I could: I hate to miss

The Eastern Puzzlers' League."

The Eastern Puzzlers' League."

"Why, man!" I eried, "think what you miss, Think well before you speak; Your act will haunt you all through life, And not a day or week, Your children-ay, their children, too-Will say with cutting scorn : "He did not go to Baltimore; Where was the fellow born?" His tears burst forth in copious floods-

"But tell me now, I do insist, Why can't this thing be done.' He gulped a sob, then sadly said; "Ho! ho!" I roared, "and is that all?" Why, bless me, this is great, Don't brothers always brothers greet Where'er they congregate? Said he; "Well, that's a fact, I'll come. I believe I'il dance a jig. Say! watch for me! You'll see me at

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*See ROUST. Authers of word-forms: X. L. C. R., Rex Ford Dan D. Lyon, Eugene, Primrose, Tunste.

SOLVERS.

Puzzles published during September and October, 60, to which solutions were received as follows: Alumnus, G. Race, 60; Frank Lynn, 59; C. Saw, ; X. L. C. R., 52; Comrade, 48; Eittab, Assero, Malenco, Ben Trovato, 45; Rex Ford, 44; Dr. I. A. D. Blake, 40; Bison, Rokeby, 38; H. O. Mer, 32; Darby, H. S. Nut, Katrura, 31; Frantz, Nyas, Will o' the Wisp, Lew Ward, 30; Mrs. G. P. C., P. O. Stage, 2 E. Z., 25; Primrose, Pearlie Glen, Lucile, 23; A. Dandy, Calvin, N. E. Moore, Guidon, Maude, Dan D. Lyon, Lucrezius Borgers, Cosette, Lillian Loeke, 20; Talers, 18½; T. O. Boggan, Leone, Vet-eran, Mazy Masker, Aidyl, Oloffe Innished, 18; olon, Zoroaster, Miss Fit, Hi Patia, Teepeekay, 17; Pat Riot, 15; Carroll Ton, Serpeggiando, Janus, Swamp Angel, Beech Nut, Haidee, 12; Lydia, Novus Homo, R. E. Morse, Two-Forty, 11; Arty Fishel, Pennock, Nedmac, Cinders, Empty, O. Range, Joel H. Hint, Uredge, Arpel, Holly, Farnor power to do with no disposition to use it; away, 9; Dan Knight, 8; Cleo, Winnie Wood, Respiritual power. Connect Holy Ghost (spirit) mardo, See F. See, 7; N. O. Vice, 6; Poly, Gi Gasof verse 15 with spirit and (of) power in verse tic, 5; Annie Laurie, Zaida, 4; Annette, Shoo Fly, Carlo, Harry, 3: Adelante, Economy, Jo Urnal, Lam, 2; Jo King, Newcomer, H. D. J., Miss Tick, K. T. Did, Damon, Orlando, W. D. J., 1; Eugene, 0. Total, 97. Complete lists, 2.

PRIZE WINNERS.

1. Alumnus; 2. Cosette; 3. Frank Lynn; 4. Har-5. Orlando; 6. T. O'Boggan; 7. Two-Forty; Eugene. The first seven receive each a bound book; Eugene takes a small cake. Prizes offered in our issue of Nov. 14 have been awarded as follows: Mrs. L. Lando, Gen. E. See, E. L. Mira, for solutions; Guardineer, N. O. Vice, Neke, work from new contributors; best halfsquare, Pallas; best GLIMMERGOWK diamond, Rex o contestants; each "The Enigma" one year. Best batch of large forms, Dan D. Lyon; best large batch of forms, Rokeby; best flats; L'Allegro, Dar-20. People prepared. 17. There is call for by, Iron Mask; each "Samantha at Saratoga." pause in ordinary affairs-a separation at These awards form the wind-up of a most satisfactory contest; over 150 puzzles having been re-

> NEW PUZZLES.-NO. 222. NO. 2148-DELETION. 'Tis Christmas day, The merriest day of all the year; Laugh and be gay. Take of its pleasures, give of its cheer! 8 8 8 Zephyr chimes are stealing

O'er Judea's plains, Angel choirs are pealing Loudest, sweetest strains. Locked in infant slumbers On his mother's breast, While Heaven's soothing numbers Lull him to his rest. Lies the babe of glory. Of Redemption's story. Man long SECOND of guilt and sin, Man long PRIMAL by the fall, Christ has come in love to win,

Christ the King and Lord of all,

Peal ve Christmas bells of earth,

Bless the day of Heavely birth,

Sound ye golden harps above,

Proof of God's unchanging love.

-FEANTZ, Binghamton, N. Y. NO. 2149-50-ALPHABETICAL DIAMONDS. (A) I. A letter. 2. A town of Hungary, 3. Any one of three canals of the cochles. 4. A town of Italy. 5. Animating. 6. Incomprehensible. 7. A variety of cannel coal, (Cent.) 8. A southern suburb of Calcutta, British India. 9. Arabian writer and poet; 500. 10. Gill. (Stand.) 11. A

(B) 1. P. O., Tippecanoe County, Ind. 2. of the Belemnites, 4. P. O., Lawrence County, Ind. 5. Automatic. (Cent.) 6. A modern reforming theistic sect among the Hindoos. 7. Materials wool or silk used for working the figures in embroidery. 8. Greek major thirds. 9. American authoress; 19th cent. 10. Mu-ical syllables, 11. -EUGENE, Cleveland, O. A letter.

NO. 2151-ANAGRAM. Fit Bethlehem music loud sates air. Pealing, gently pealing,
Are the church bells far away,

Stealing, softly stealing, Comes the merry echo's lay. From that ancient beliry grating, Floats the sound reverberating To our ears, when humbly kneeling On this glorious Christmas Day. Rending, sharply rending

With their soul-inspiring sway, Blending, sweetly blending, For the new-born King to-day, How the land resounds with chiming, 'Round the Throne the cherubs climbing-Chant Hosannas while descending To His cradle in the hay. Gleaming, brightly gleaming

Are the candle flames at play, Streaming, purely streaming 'Mongst the altars, blooming, gay. Carols sweet the choir is singing. Peace on earth to mortals bringing. Perfumed air with incense teeming As our thoughts to Heaven stray.

-ZOROASTER, Philadelphia, Pa.

NOS. 2152-3-DIAMONDS. 1. A letter. 2. A familiar name for white poplarwood. (Cent.) 3. A female name. 4. A genus of percoid fishes. (Cent.) 5, A female name. King-birds of paradise. (Stand.) 7. A spark. 8. Complete terminations. 9. Maces of nutmegs. 10. A winglike organ. 11. A letter. -REX FORD, Alplaus, N. Y.

(To Guidon.) 1. A letter. 2. A name given to several species of plants.* 3. Town of Nubia. (Wore.) 4. Span-ish martyr; 290-304. 5. Permission. 6. QUINNAT SALMONS. 7. Appearances, as of a halo of light, surrounding the edges of dark objects in a photographic picture. 8. Town, Hindoostan, in Baglana, (Wore.) 9. Small mucous flocculi seen in front of the cornea. (Dung!.) 10. Rivers near the

sea. (Stand.) II. A letter. -X. L. C. R., Lyons, N. Y. NOS. 2154-5-HALF-SQUARES. letter, 2, A word occurring in Psalm CXIX. The common European guli. 4. An assart.* 5. Anguish. (Stand.) 6. Greek or Latin

proper name. 7. A sailor. 8. English statesman; b. 1805. 9. Produced an abnormal flow of saliva in. 10. To sait or pickle, as fish, 11. Mock moons, 12. Having one edge thinner than the other, as a 1. A letter. 2. Portuguese Jesuit theologian and commentator; 1530-1596. 3. But. (M. & S.) 4. Italian painter; 17th Cent. 5. Italian Jewish vocalist; 1798-1865. 6. American author; b. 1813. 7. The goddess of war. 8. Any one of the knightly

heroes commemorated in the Palmerin romances.

(Stand.) 9. Discussing roally. 10. Of, or pertaining to history. 11. A sait of santoninic acid. 12, Certain angles, in a skull. -PALLAS, Pawtucket, R. I.

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS. Beech Nut requests us to announce that his absence from home will work the suspension of

might bring him to Baltimore "to start the New Year aright"!-Our sympathy is extended to Zenith and Horizon, in the serious illness of the latter. All their friends will join us in wishing she may speedily regain her health. - This week witnesses the commencement of a masterly series of diamonds by our one-time copartner. If his effort in this line receives praise equal to that bestowed upon Rex Ford's 26, Eugene may indeed consider himself well repaid for his labor .- Shoo Fly authorizes us to offer a copy of "Mr. Fortesque" as a prize to the person who shall contribute the diamond on QUINQUEVIRI containing the fewest tags. In the event of our receiving med than one tagless combination, the best one will be the prize-winner. -The first issue of St. Julian's "Mystic Tree" shows the hand of the skilled and experienced Editor. Send a dime for a year's subscription to E. E. Hollingworth, 261 Twelfth street, Brooklyn, N. Y.--J. E. W. finds the answer to No. 2058 to be "A mad, uncanny, Phila, poetaster's Summer corn."-Comrade's rhyming machine furnishes some verses worthy the League's Chairman of Reception Committee .- Remember, friends, this is your last opportunity to send your dollars to the Treasurer: also, your applications for membership. Address Dr. J. S. F. Sessford, 1012 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, D. C.; or bring your dues in person to Baltimore, and it will better please all concerned.—This is how Comrade bewails the fact that a comma appeared after "complete" in his quatrain, lately printed: "Anent that 'Trans, in Mystery shown, the punctuation I disown; for anyone can clearly see a comma there where none a texture resembling chamoise leather, and a should be. I guess 't will make the solvers rave. and like wild lunatics behave, and on me fiercest wrath condign, although the fault is yours, not Rather severe on us, isn't it? -Nos. 2074, 2075, and 2077 received many a favorable notice, and were uniformly pronounced A No. 1. 12-26-195. R. O. CHESTER.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our

Agricultural Readers.

American Bacon. Every American who goes abroad comments upon the inevitable dish of bacon which appears upon every English breakfast table. He does not understand the national fondness for it, and generally calls for something else. But he gradually becomes reconciled to the inevitable and partakes of it regularly after a time, generally prefacing the request for another slice with the remark, "Somehow I don't care much for bacon at home." He never stops to analyze the quality of the dish before him, yet that is really where the difference lies. The foreign bacon is well streaked with lean and has a sweeter flavor and a milder cure than

the American article. We have been so busy producing weight that we have had no time to bestow any attention to what that weight was made up of. As a result there are very few good bacon hogs in this country. This is largely due to our habit of feeding exclusively on corn instead of the more nitrogenous foods, such as wheat, middlings, bran, oats, grass, milk, etc. These will make size rather than fat and will go far toward producing wellstreaked bacon rather than the solid fat which we have hitherto termed such. Of course, corn will still remain the standard food, but it should be given in much smaller quantities to produce first-class

Another obstacle to the popularizing of American bacon is its rankness. We are in too great a hurry to get the curing done, the meat sold and the money in our pockets. In order to preserv the natural sweetness of the meat it is essential to cure slowly. This we do not do, and it is to our haste and impatience that the smallness of our returns are due. American bacon cured in the present hasty superficial methods can never hope to become a National dish at home nor can it compete abroad with the Irish and Danish product. It will always bring a much lower price as long as the English housewife is tempted to its purchase through motives of economy, is forced to get rid of or at least to lessen the rank flavor so objectionable to English palates, by steeping it over night in sweet milk. Under these circumstances we cannot hope to compete with other nations in the higher quality of pork products or to increase our home consumption as we ought to do.

Phosphate for Potatoes. Potash rather than phosphate would seem

to be indicated as a fertilizer by analysis of the potato. Yet many farmers have been very successful applying a little phosphate in each hill, not only increasing the yield, but growing potatoes free from scab. On heavy soil the application of superphosphate may make more potash available. It always contains an excess of sulphuric acid, which acts on the soil and fits its potash for use. This same sulphuric acid a'so probably destroys some of the fungus which causes the scab. But the germicide corrosive sublimate used as a weak dilution for the seed is more effective in preventing scab than any other application. The phosphate will need to be liberally supplemented with potash for potato crops grown on sandy soil, and some of the potash The fibrous sheath which covers the phragmacone should always be used on heavy soils, as what they contain is often not in available form to be used as plant food.

Cleaning Up the Farm. At this season it is a good plan to gather up whatever rubbish remains about the place, pile it in heaps and burn it. This should include weeds which have been neglected and allowed to seed. It takes a hot fire to make sure of the destruction of weed seeds. Some of them, as the heat dries and cracks their pods, fall to the ground, where, in a fire of dried weeds, there is an accumulation of carbonic acid gas that prevents the lower part of the heap from burning. It is only by briskly stirring up the bottom of the fire that this carbonic acid gas is dissipated, and oxygen can be supplied to make the lower port of the heap burn. When there is a little wind the lower part of a heap of weeds

always burn poorly. When to Water Horses. Always water your horses the first thing in the morning, and do not let the water be too cold. If it is too cold you will probably have a case of colic. Water is best when it is about 10° warmer than the outside air in Winter, and as much cooler in Summer. Give the hay before the grain, so that the stomach may be partially filled before the . concentrated food gets into it. Better still, feed chopped feed. Mix the ground grain with dampened hay or fodder, and give the largest feed at night, when the horse has time to digest it. Fat and food for the muscles are made when the horse is at rest.

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WONDERFUL INDIA PAPER. Secret of Its Making is Known to Only Three Persons.

[Book Reviews.] The marvelous Oxford India paper was first introduced in 1875. Since then it has revolutionized the Bible and prayer-book trade, and it is now used for all the more popular devotional books throughout the world. In the year 1841 an Oxford graduate is said

to have brought home from the far East a small fold of extremely thin paper, which was manifestly more opaque and tough for its substance than any paper then manufactured in Europe. He presented it to the Clarendon The late Mr. Thomas Combe, who had only

recently been appointed printer to the Uni-Thedom until Feb. 1. Would that Emery's travels versity, found it to be just sufficient for 24 copies of the smallest Bible then in existence -diamond 24mo-and printed an edition of that number which bore the date 1842. The books were barely a third of the usual thickness, and although as much as \$100 apiece was offered for them no copies were sold, and they were presented to the Queen and other distinguished persons. All efforts to trace the paper to its source

> were futile, and, as years rolled on, the circumstance was forgotten. But early in 1874 a copy fell into the hands of Mr. Arthur E. Miles, who showed it to Mr. Frowde, and experiments were at once set on foot at the Oxford University paper mills, with the object of producing a similar paper. The first attempts were failures, but success was achieved, and Aug. 24, 1875, an edition of the diamond 24mo Bible, similar in

> all respects to the 24 copies printed in 1842, was placed on sale. This was the first Oxford Bible published by Mr. Frowde. The feat of compression was looked upon as astounding, the demand was enormous, and before very long a quarter of a million copies

had been sold. The paper when subjected to severe rubbing, instead of breaking into holes, assumed strip only three inches wide was found able to support a quarter of a hundredweight with-

The secret of its manufacture, it may be said, is known to only three living beings.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.